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**NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Docket Number
2880/158

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08/921,533

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Examiner
Lakshmi S.
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Invention Title
**BIOACTIVE AND BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSITES
OF POLYMERS AND CERAMICS OR GLASSES AND
METHOD TO MANUFACTURE SUCH COMPOSITES**

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference from the decision of the Examiner made in the Office Action dated May 14, 2001 finally rejecting claims 1 through 22.

Applicants also respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), for which a response period expiring on August 14, 2001 was set. The extended period expires on November 14, 2001. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of **\$160.00** and the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) three-month extension fee of **\$460.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

Applicants also include a Rule 116 Amendment herewith and request that the claims be entered in their amended form for purposes of the appeal from their final rejection.

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this filing to the same deposit account number or to credit any overpayments to that account as well. A duplicate of this paper is transmitted for charging purposes.

Dated: Nov. 14, 2001

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